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Applicant : Thomas E. Donaldson et al. Art Unit : 2161
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REPLY TO ACTION OF AUGUST 24, 2006

In response to the final Office action of August 24, 2006, applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the following remarks. Claims 9-15 and 19-26 are pending of which claims 9, 14, 19 and 26 are independent. Claims 1-8 and 16-18 were cancelled in a previous response.

Claims 9-15 and 19-26 have been rejected as obvious over claims 44-83 of applicant's co-pending Application No. 09/749,629 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,047,229). A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.73(b) and 1.321(b) is being filed concurrently with this amendment. Therefore, for at least this reason, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of claims 9-15 and 19-26.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that the previously pending rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) has been withdrawn. As such, and because (1) the Office action did not set forth any other rejection of pending claims 9-15 and 19-26, and (2) the filing of the terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection of claims 9-15 and 19-26, applicant respectfully asserts that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply

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Respectfully submitted,

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